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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

IN RE INCRETIN-BASED THERAPIES PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Case No. 14cv2841 AJB (MDD)

Lead Case No. 13md2452 AJB (MDD)

LOIDA AGUILAR, individually and as
heir and successor in interest to
MARGARITA AGUILAR, decedent, et
al.,

Plaintiffs.

V.

AMYLIN PHARMACEUTICALS, LLC
f/d/a AMYLIN PHARMACEUTICALS,
INC., et al.

Defendants.

**DEFENDANTS MERCK & CO.,
INC. AND MERCK SHARP &
DOHME CORP.'S NOTICE OF
MOTION AND MOTION TO
SEAL CONFIDENTIAL
EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF
OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION TO REMAND**

Date: January 22, 2015
Time: 2:00 p.m. PDT
Judge: Hon. Anthony J. Battaglia
Dept: 3B

**DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO SEAL
CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION TO REMAND**

Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79.2(b), ECF Administrative Policies and Procedures 2(j), the Honorable Anthony J. Battaglia's Civil Case Procedures Section IV, Defendants Merck & Co., Inc. and Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. (collectively, "Merck") hereby submit this motion to file under seal the following exhibits attached to Merck's Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Remand: (1) Catherine M. Beske Osco Drug Records Obtained by Merck (**Exhibit E**); (2) Catherine M. Beske Plaintiff-Provided Pharmacy Records (**Exhibit G**); (3) Jack Smith Plaintiffs' Fact Sheet (**Exhibit H**); (4) Joseph Pulcini Supplemental Plaintiffs' Fact Sheet (**Exhibit I**); and (5) Joseph Pulcini Plaintiff-Provided Pharmacy Records (**Exhibit J**).

I. ARGUMENT

A. Standard of Review

A party seeking to preserve the confidentiality of discovery documents attached to non-dispositive filings need only demonstrate "good cause" under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c) for the documents to be maintained under seal. *Kamakana v. City and Cnty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1179-80 (9th Cir. 2006). When such documents are exhibits to dispositive motions, the more demanding "compelling reasons" standard applies. *Id.* The Ninth Circuit has not yet determined whether a motion to remand is a dispositive motion for purposes of evaluating a motion to seal. See *Alvarez v. C & S Wholesale Grocers, Inc.*, 2013 WL 5970479, at *3 (E.D. Cal. Nov. 4, 2013). The Court need not decide this issue, because, as explained below, the medical information in Exhibits E, G, H, I, and J satisfies both standards.

B. The Court Should Seal Plaintiffs' Medical Records

Exhibits E, G, H, I, and J are medical records or Plaintiffs' Fact Sheets that contain Plaintiffs' medical and other sensitive information. Merck has obtained these documents through discovery either directly from Plaintiffs or through use of authorizations provided by Plaintiffs. Federal district courts routinely find that medical records obtained during discovery and other documents containing medical information satisfy the good cause standard. See, e.g. *Hendon v. Baroya*, No. 1:05-

1 cv-01247-AWI-GSA-PC, 2012 WL 6087535, at *2 (E.D. Cal. Dec. 6, 2012); *Seals*
 2 v. *Mitchell*, No. CV 04-3764 NJV, 2011 WL 1233650, at *5 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 30,
 3 2011); *San Ramon Reg'l Med. Ctr., Inc. v. Principal Life Ins. Co.*, No. C 10-02258
 4 SBA, 2011 WL 89931, at *1 n.1 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 10, 2011); *Wilkins v. Ahern*, No. C
 5 08-1084 MMC (PR), 2010 WL 3755654, at *5 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 24, 2010); *Johansen*
 6 v. *San Diego Police Dep't*, No. 07cv1601-LAB (LSP), 2008 WL 170016, at *1 (S.D.
 7 Cal. Jan. 17, 2008).

8 Likewise, federal courts routinely find that such records satisfy the “compelling
 9 reasons” standard. *See, e.g., G. v. Hawai'i*, CV 08-00551 ACK-BMK, 2010 WL
 10 2607483, at *1 (D. Haw. June 25, 2010) (so holding and collecting authority);
 11 *Lombardi v. TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corp.*, CV 08-02381, 2009 WL 1212170,
 12 *1 (D. Ariz. May 4, 2009) (allowing the defendant to file exhibits under seal where
 13 they contained “sensitive personal and medical information”). Accordingly, the
 14 documents should be maintained under seal.

15 **II. CONCLUSION**

16 For the foregoing reasons, Merck respectfully requests that the Court grant this
 17 motion and maintain Exhibits E, G, H, I, and J to Merck’s Opposition to Plaintiffs’
 18 Motion to Remand under seal.

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